

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 10-16 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 3-9 are pending in the application.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants wish to thank the Office for the Ex parte Quayle Office Action mailed on June 7, 2006. However, the Office did not indicate that the Information Disclosure Statement and SB/08 form filed on May 23, 2006 were considered. Applicants submit that the information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 23, 2006 complies with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97, 1.98 and therefore the Office must consider this information. See M.P.E.P. § 609.05(b). Applicants respectfully request that the Office initial and attach a copy of the SB/08 form to a supplemental Office correspondence.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 3-9 have been allowed. Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for

such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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